

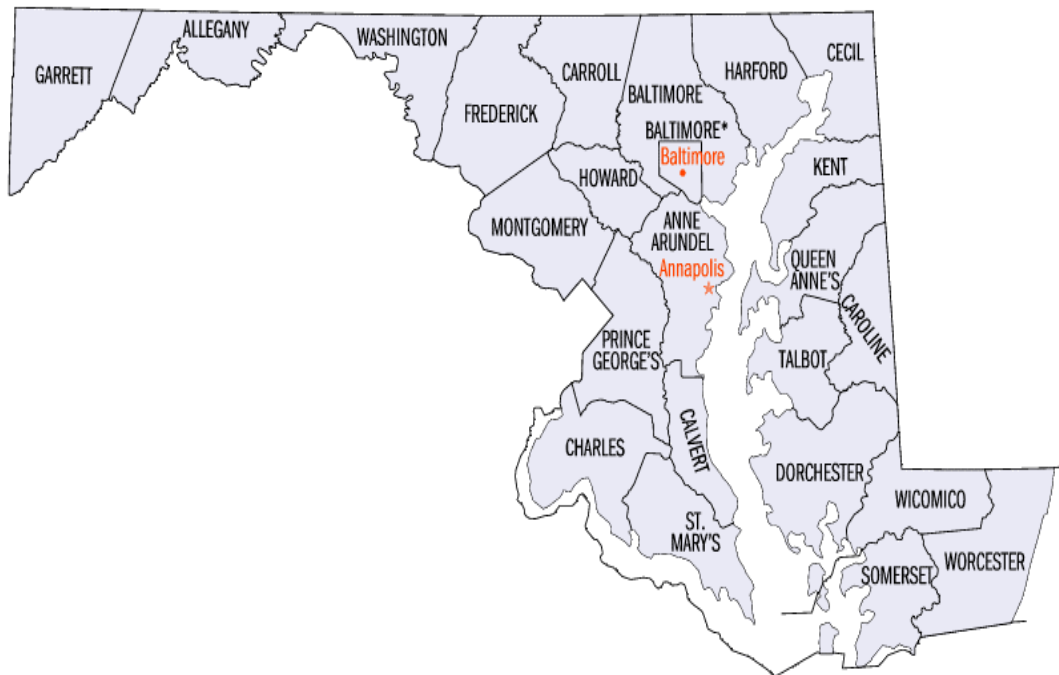
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Maryland

The following profile contains information on demographics, political figures, programs, crime, drug use, drug trafficking, and enforcement statistics.

Demographics¹

- Population: 5,458,137 (July 2002 estimate); 5,296,486 (2000 Census)
- Race/Ethnicity (2000 Census): 62.1% white; 27.7% black/African American; 0.3% American Indian/Alaskan Native; 4.0% Asian; 0.0% Native Hawaiian/other Pacific Islander; 0.2% other race; 1.6% two or more races; 4.3% Hispanic/Latino origin (of any race)

Politics

- Governor: Robert L. Ehrlich, Jr.²
- Lt. Governor: Michael Steele³
- Attorney General: J. Joseph Curran, Jr.⁴
- Secretary of State: R. Karl Aumann⁵
- U.S. Senate: Barbara Mikulski (D); Paul Sarbanes (D)⁶
- U.S. Representatives (Districts 1-8): Wayne T. Gilchrest; C. A. Dutch Ruppersberger; Benjamin L. Cardin; Albert Russell Wynn; Steny H. Hoyer; Roscoe G. Bartlett; Elijah E. Cummings; Chris Van Hollen⁷
- Capital: Annapolis⁸

Programs/Initiatives

- High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area (HIDTA)⁹
Designated in 1994, the Washington/Baltimore HIDTA is responsible for Washington, D.C., the city of Alexandria and four counties in northern Virginia, and the following areas of Maryland: Baltimore City and Anne Arundel, Howard, Montgomery, Prince George's, and Charles counties.
- Governor's Office of Crime Control and Prevention (GOCCP)¹⁰
GOCCP helps to prepare and implement Maryland's Crime Control Plan Strategy. This Strategy focuses on four action areas: target high-risk offenders; reclaim at-risk neighborhoods; protect and support victims; and prevent youth violence, drug use, and gangs.
- Break the Cycle (BTC)¹¹
This GOCCP initiative is aimed at reducing drug-related crime and recidivism by revamping supervision and treatment services for drug-involved offenders. BTC uses testing, treatment, and sanctions to retain the drug-involved offender in treatment services as a means to reduce recidivism and substance abuse.
- Drug Early Warning System (DEWS)¹²
DEWS was launched in 1998 by Maryland state and local agencies to better detect and monitor substance abuse trends across the state. DEWS links data collection, analysis, and dissemination to substance abuse prevention and policy development through various projects, such as the Maryland Drug Scan, the Juvenile Offender Population Urinalysis Screening Program, and the Substance Abuse Indicators Project.

Federal Funding

- Drug-Free Communities Support Program grantees in Maryland:¹³
 - FY 2002: no grantees
 - FY 2001:
 - \$72,620 to the Health Educators Linking Parents and Students Coalition, Baltimore
 - \$99,345 to the Kent County Adolescent Substance Abuse Coalition, Chestertown
 - FY 2000:
 - \$99,538 to the Countywide Action Team to Fight Underage Drug Use, Bel Air
 - FY 1999:
 - \$88,737 to Community Services Coalition, Largo
 - \$99,993 to Montgomery County Community Partnership, Inc., Rockville
 - FY 1998:
 - \$75,000 to Talbot Partnership for Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse Prevention, Talbot County
- Executive Office for Weed and Seed¹⁴

Eight sites in Maryland have been officially recognized as Federal Weed and Seed sites: Baltimore (three sites), Landover, Prince George's County (John Carroll Community), Salisbury, Silver Spring, and Washington Village.
- FY 2001/2002 Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) Formula and Discretionary Grant summary for Maryland:¹⁵
 - Formula Funding: \$41,700,055
 - Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment Block Grant - \$31,950,492
 - Community Mental Health Services Block Grant - \$8,551,938
 - Projects for Assistance in Transition from Homelessness (PATH) - \$766,000
 - Protection and Advocacy Formula Grant - \$431,625
 - Discretionary Funding: \$16,653,281
 - Mental Health - \$4,439,171
 - Substance Prevention - \$5,378,197
 - Substance Abuse Treatment - \$6,835,913
 - Total Mental Health Funds: \$14,188,734
 - Total Substance Abuse Funds: \$44,164,602
 - Total Funds for Maryland: \$58,353,336
- FY 2002 Byrne Formula Grant Program amount awarded to Maryland: \$9,009,474¹⁶
- There were no Maryland recipients of the FY 2002 Office of Justice Programs Drug Court Grant.¹⁷
- FY 1996-2002 Residential Substance Abuse Treatment (RSAT) for State Prisoners Formula Grant amount allocated to Maryland:¹⁸
 - FY 1996: \$511,326
 - FY 1997: \$561,341
 - FY 1998: \$1,173,149
 - FY 1999: \$1,108,254
 - FY 2000: \$1,093,943

- FY 2001: \$1,093,907
- FY 2002: \$1,213,703
- There were no Maryland recipients of the FY 2002 Office of Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) Methamphetamine Grant.¹⁹
- FY 2001 Housing and Urban Development Drug Elimination Grant recipients in Maryland:²⁰
 - \$200,000 to Barclay Greenmount/Barclay Townhouses, Baltimore
 - \$200,000 to Upton Court, Greenwillow Manor, Woodland Street Apartments, Baltimore
 - \$125,000 to Hartland Run Apartments, Baltimore
 - \$119,500 to Kingsley Park Apartments, Baltimore

Crime and Drug-Related Crime

- More than 100 arrests were made in Maryland during 2002 as a result of Maryland State Police Marijuana Eradication Program efforts.²¹

Number of Marijuana Eradication Program Arrests, Maryland, 1990-2002

Year	Arrests
1990	51
1991	116
1992	108
1993	180
1994	101
1995	153
1996	80
1997	117
1998	84
1999	143
2000	109
2001	70
2002	104

- During 2001, the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) reported making 577 arrests for drug violations in Maryland.²²

Number of DEA Drug Arrests, Maryland, 1997-2001

Year	Arrests
1997	880
1998	1,119
1999	888
2000	896
2001	577

- In 2001, nearly 47,000 arrests for drug violations were reported to the Federal Bureau of Investigation by Maryland law enforcement authorities.²³

Number of Arrests, Maryland, 2001

Type of Offense	Juveniles	All ages
Murder/non-negligent manslaughter	51	315
Forcible rape	76	404
Robbery	792	2,364
Aggravated assault	1,426	6,190
Burglary	1,709	5,825
Larceny-theft	4,947	19,343
Motor vehicle theft	1,586	3,145
Arson	169	422
Drug abuse violations	6,799	46,856
Driving under the influence	301	20,796
Liquor law violations	1,360	5,062

Drugs

➤ Cocaine

Cocaine abuse and distribution are significant threats throughout Maryland, especially in areas near Washington, D.C. and Baltimore. Wholesale amounts of cocaine are readily available via suppliers in New York City and the southwestern U.S.²⁴ In 2000, powder cocaine sold for \$50-\$120 per gram and \$18,000-\$25,000 per kilogram throughout Maryland. Crack sold for \$10-\$50 per rock, \$80-\$100 per gram, and \$800-\$1,000 per ounce. The purity of powder cocaine ranged from 37%-95% pure in 2000.²⁵

➤ Heroin

Heroin poses the most serious drug threat to Maryland.²⁶ It is commonly abused throughout Maryland, but is most problematic around Baltimore.²⁷ Law enforcement authorities are particularly concerned with the availability of high purity heroin that can be snorted or smoked instead of injected.²⁸ According to the Maryland State Police, heroin availability is spreading from cities to suburban areas of the state. South American heroin is the most commonly found type in Maryland. Southeast and Southwest Asian varieties are also occasionally available. In the first quarter of 2001, heroin purity ranged from 10%-96% throughout the state.²⁹

➤ Marijuana

Marijuana is the most readily available and commonly abused illicit drug in Maryland. Most of the marijuana available in the state originates in Mexico.³⁰ The marijuana cultivation that occurs in the state typically takes place in western Maryland and along the Eastern Shore.³¹ Mexico-produced marijuana sold for \$160-\$200 per ounce and \$1,000-\$1,200 per pound in 2000. Marijuana produced in hydroponic operations sold for \$4,500-\$6,000 per pound.³²

➤ Methamphetamine

The demand for and the availability of methamphetamine are not high in Maryland. Users in western Maryland and young adults involved in the state's rave scenes are the primary users of methamphetamine in the state.³³ In 2000, methamphetamine sold for \$80-\$200 per gram statewide.³⁴

- **Club Drugs**
The abuse of MDMA is increasing in Maryland and is spreading from the rave subculture to other social venues such as after school activities and parties. MDMA prices ranged from \$10 to \$30 per dosage unit and \$500 to \$1,000 per 100 dosage units throughout Maryland in 2000. The abuse of ketamine is increasing in the state. In 2000, ketamine sold for \$20 per dosage unit and \$100-\$150 per gram in powdered form.³⁵
- **Other Drugs**
OxyContin has become the drug of choice among Maryland prescription drug abusers.³⁶ Prices for OxyContin vary depending on location but typically average \$40 per 40-milligram tablet.³⁷
- According to 1999-2000 data from the National Household Survey on Drug Abuse, approximately 40% of Maryland citizens ages 12 and older felt that smoking marijuana once a month posed a great risk.³⁸

Percent of Citizens Reporting Drug Use, by Age, Maryland, 1999-2000 Data

	12-17	18-25	26 +	All ages
Past month use of any illicit drug	10.44%	15.37%	3.63%	5.69%
Past month use of marijuana	8.25	13.23	2.66	4.46
Past month use of illicit drug other than marij.	4.02	5.15	1.75	2.38
Past year cocaine use	1.35	3.80	0.90	1.29
Great risk of smoking marijuana once a month	36.67	28.57	42.40	40.20

- According to 2000 data from the National Household Survey on Drug Abuse, approximately 1.41% of Maryland citizens reported past year dependence on illicit drugs.³⁹

Percent of Citizens Reporting Dependence, Maryland, 2000

	12-17	18-25	26 +	All ages
Illicit drug dependence	2.85%	3.71%	0.88%	1.41%
Illicit drug dependence or abuse	4.80	6.24	1.19	2.14
Alcohol dependence	2.02	4.28	1.68	2.03
Alcohol dependence or abuse	4.93	13.83	3.96	5.23
Alcohol or illicit drug dependence or abuse	8.51	16.70	4.67	6.48

Juveniles

- In a Statewide survey conducted in April 2001, 16.9% of Maryland 8th graders reported that they had used marijuana at least once during their lifetime.⁴⁰
- Five percent of 6th graders reported using inhalants at least once during their lifetime.⁴¹

Percent of 6th and 8th Grade Students Reporting Substance Use, Maryland, 2001

Drug Type	Ever Used	6 th Grade		Ever Used	8 th Grade	
		Last 30 Days	Last 12 Months		Last 30 Days	Last 12 Months
Marijuana	2.9%	1.2%	2.0%	16.9%	10.6%	15.2%
Inhalants	5.0	2.2	3.5	6.2	3.0	4.7
Amyl/Butyl nitrates	0.5	0.3	0.4	1.3	0.9	1.2
Crack	0.9	0.6	0.8	2.5	1.5	2.1
Other cocaine	0.8	0.5	0.7	2.1	1.2	1.7
LSD	1.0	0.6	0.8	3.7	2.2	3.2
PCP	0.9	0.5	0.8	3.2	2.0	2.7
Other hallucinogens	0.7	0.3	0.6	3.3	1.9	3.1
Steroids	1.3	0.6	1.0	2.3	1.1	1.8
Methamphetamine	0.9	0.5	0.8	3.1	1.3	2.7
Designer drugs (MDMA)	0.9	0.4	0.7	4.3	2.4	3.9
Heroin	0.7	0.3	0.5	1.5	1.1	1.3
Injected illegal drug	0.6	0.3	0.4	1.1	0.7	0.9
Amphetamines	1.4	0.7	1.0	4.5	2.4	4.0
Barbiturates/tranquilizers	0.6	0.3	0.5	1.5	0.8	1.3
Narcotics	0.7	0.3	0.6	2.1	1.0	1.8

- 37.9% of 12th graders used marijuana at least once in the last 12 months.⁴²

Percent of 10th and 12th Grade Students Reporting Substance Use, Maryland, 2001

Drug Type	Ever Used	10 th Grade		Ever Used	12 th Grade	
		Last 30 Days	Last 12 Months		Last 30 Days	Last 12 Months
Marijuana	33.3%	19.8%	28.8%	46.5%	22.7%	37.9%
Inhalants	5.3	2.7	4.1	4.6	1.6	2.9
Amyl/Butyl nitrates	1.8	1.2	1.6	2.1	0.9	1.6
Crack	2.8	1.8	2.3	2.9	1.3	2.1
Other cocaine	3.5	2.0	3.2	5.6	2.0	4.1
LSD	7.0	3.7	6.4	11.4	3.7	8.8
PCP	3.5	2.1	3.1	4.6	1.6	3.2
Other hallucinogens	5.8	3.4	5.3	9.3	3.7	7.0
Steroids	2.4	1.6	2.1	2.3	1.6	1.9
Methamphetamine	4.1	2.2	3.5	4.6	1.8	3.1
Designer drugs (MDMA)	8.5	4.8	8.0	12.9	4.8	10.9
Heroin	1.6	1.1	1.4	2.2	0.9	1.4
Injected illegal drug	1.4	1.0	1.2	1.4	0.7	0.8
Amphetamines	8.4	5.1	7.7	11.4	5.5	9.3
Barbiturates/tranquilizers	3.9	2.3	3.7	5.9	3.1	5.1
Narcotics	5.3	3.4	5.0	7.2	3.6	6.4

Enforcement

- Washington/Baltimore HIDTA Initiatives include the following:⁴³
 - Violent Traffickers Initiative: This initiative, supervised by the DEA, investigates violent drug traffickers and violent drug trafficking organizations (DTOs) that have an impact on the Baltimore metropolitan area.
 - Major Drug Traffickers Initiative: This Federal, State, and local unit, also supervised by the DEA, is designed to reduce drug trafficking in the Baltimore metropolitan area by focusing on major heroin and cocaine trafficking organizations and distributors.
 - Southern Maryland Crack and Gang Initiative: This multi-agency task force targets both violent and street-level/mid-level cocaine organizations and youth gangs operating in the Southern Maryland area.
- As of October 2001, there were 19,143 full-time law enforcement employees in Maryland.⁴⁴

Trafficking and Seizures

- Drugs, weapons, and illicit proceeds destined for points south of New York City routinely transit through Maryland.⁴⁵
- Maryland's major seaport in Baltimore contributes to a substantial amount of international drug traffic entering the state.⁴⁶
- Dominican and Colombian criminal groups based in New York City and Philadelphia are the dominant transporters of heroin and cocaine into Maryland.⁴⁷
- During 2002, more than 2,000 marijuana plants were seized by the Drug Enforcement Command of the Maryland State Police through their Marijuana Eradication Program. More than \$1 million in assets were also seized as a result of Marijuana Eradication Program efforts in 2002.⁴⁸

Results of Marijuana Eradication Program, Maryland, 1990-2002

Year	Plants Seized	Plots Located	Assets Seized
1990	2,886	117	\$70,000
1991	11,210	226	\$997,950
1992	7,068	218	\$1,449,763
1993	8,653	295	\$2,084,968
1994	5,758	202	\$281,426
1995	4,918	347	\$166,381
1996	4,446	154	\$229,105
1997	4,826	180	\$598,488
1998	3,475	151	\$507,366
1999	3,610	267	\$1,087,181
2000	6,954	298	\$541,793
2001	4,054	223	\$652,645
2002	2,582	244	\$1,152,069

- During 2001, Federal agencies seized more than 388 kilograms of cocaine in Maryland.⁴⁹

Amount of Drugs Seized by Federal Agencies, Maryland, 2001

Drug Type	Amount Seized (in kilograms)
Cocaine	388.3
Heroin	17.8
Methamphetamine	0.4
Marijuana	118.0

- From 1996 to 2001, two methamphetamine labs were seized in Maryland. One of the labs was seized in 1999 and the other was seized in 2001.⁵⁰

Courts

- Drug Courts⁵¹
As of January 8, 2003, there were fourteen drug courts in existence or being planned in Maryland. Six drug courts have been in existence for more than two years, two drug courts were recently implemented, and six drug courts were being planned.
- During FY 2001, approximately 33% of the Federally-sentenced defendants in Maryland had committed drug offenses. Thirty-four percent of the drug offenses (68 offenses) involved powder cocaine.⁵²

Federal Sentencing Statistics, Drug Offenses, Maryland, FY 2001

Drug Type Involved	Offenses	% of Total
Powder cocaine	68	34.3%
Crack cocaine	55	27.8
Heroin	49	24.7
Marijuana	16	8.1
Methamphetamine	2	1.0
Other	8	4.0

Corrections

- At yearend 2001, there were 23,752 prisoners under the jurisdiction of State or Federal correctional authorities in Maryland.⁵³
- At the end of 2001, there were 80,708 adults on probation and 13,415 adults on parole in Maryland.⁵⁴

Consequences of Use

- In 2001, there were 559 overdose deaths in Maryland associated with alcohol and/or illicit drugs.⁵⁵

Number of Alcohol/Drug-Related Overdose Deaths, Maryland, 1997-2001

	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001
Single drug mentions					
Narcotics	215	230	297	263	297
Cocaine	30	23	35	27	34
Alcohol	11	27	16	19	19
Methadone	2	3	5	14	21
Subtotal	258	283	353	323	371
Multiple drug mentions					
Alcohol and narcotics	96	83	98	135	97
Alcohol and cocaine	16	10	9	13	9
Narcotics and cocaine	92	96	75	77	66
Alcohol and other drugs	20	18	19	18	16
Subtotal	224	207	201	243	188
Total	482	490	554	566	559

- From 1997 to 2001, the Baltimore City and Central Maryland regions have accounted for 80% of all overdose deaths in the state each year.⁵⁶

Treatment

- In 2001, there were 60,671 admissions to drug/alcohol treatment in Maryland.⁵⁷ There were 56,616 treatment admissions in 2000.⁵⁸ During 1999, there were 56,503 admissions to treatment.⁵⁹

Number of Admissions to Treatment, Maryland, 1999-2001

Drug Type	1999		2000		2001	
	#	%	#	%	#	%
Alcohol only	13,380	23.7%	12,772	22.6%	12,692	20.9%
Alc. w/ second. drug	10,528	18.6	10,173	18.0	10,968	18.1
Cocaine – smoked	5,859	10.4	5,684	10.0	5,947	9.8
Cocaine – other route	1,748	3.1	1,526	2.7	1,658	2.7
Marijuana	6,892	12.2	7,726	13.6	8,705	14.3
Heroin	15,874	28.1	16,462	29.1	17,633	29.1
Other opiates	744	1.3	935	1.7	1,536	2.5
PCP	94	0.2	135	0.2	168	0.3
Hallucinogens	58	0.1	105	0.2	125	0.2
Amphetamines	--	0.0	--	0.0	--	0.0
Other stimulants	11	0.0	15	0.0	19	0.0
Tranquilizers	147	0.3	124	0.2	188	0.3
Sedatives	89	0.2	86	0.2	85	0.1
Inhalants	37	0.1	24	0.0	34	0.1
Other/none specified	1,042	1.8	849	1.5	913	1.5
Total	56,503	100.0	56,616	100.0	60,671	100.0

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